

EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes
Tuesday, June 6, 2006

A meeting of the Emergency Commission was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2006, in the Governor's Conference Room. Present in the room were Governor John Hoeven, Senator Bob Stenehjem, and Secretary of State Al Jaeger. Participating via telephone were Senator Ray Holmberg, Rep. Rick Berg, and Rep. Ken Svedjan. Governor Hoeven called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Consideration of Recommendation from Centers of Excellence Commission

The following request was submitted according to N.D.C.C. § 15-69-02(2), (2005 Session Laws, Chapter 151):

“A commission funding award recommendation must be for a specified amount. Designation of a center occurs upon board, foundation, and budget section approval of a commission funding award recommendation. In considering whether to designate a center, the board, foundation, and budget section may not modify the commission recommendation. The budget section may not make a determination of whether to approve or reject a commission funding award recommendation until the emergency commission reviews the commission recommendation and makes a recommendation to the budget section.” (underlined emphasis added)

1. Centers of Excellence Commission * (Request # 1588)

Dickinson State University – Center for Entrepreneurship and Rural Revitalization – Institute for Technology and Business – \$1,150,000

Secretary Jaeger moved to recommend to the Budget Section. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting aye were Stenehjem, Berg, Holmberg, Svedjan, Jaeger, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Consideration of Requests Submitted Under N.D.C.C. Chapter 54-16

Noted: Under the provision of N.D.C.C., Chapter 54-16, and if approved by the Emergency Commission, requests marked with an asterisk will be forwarded for review and approval in the meeting of the Legislative Council Budget Section Committee scheduled for June 14.

1. North Dakota Aeronautics Commission * (Request # 1589)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$600,000 to accept federal funds from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for capital assets line (\$600,000) to reconstruct runway at the International Peace Garden Airport (IPG) located on the U.S./Canadian border north of Dunseith.

Representative Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Stenehjem seconded the motion. Voting aye were Berg, Holmberg, Svedjan, Jaeger, Stenehjem, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

2. **North Dakota Game and Fish Department * (Request # 1590)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$189,700 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) for operating line (\$189,700) to collect samples for monitoring avian influenza in waterfowl, shorebirds, and other migratory birds, and chronic wasting disease (CWD) from dead or sick deer.

Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Representative Berg seconded the motion. Voting aye were Holmberg, Svedjan, Jaeger, Stenehjem, Berg, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

3. **Department of Emergency Services * (Request # 1591)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$361,346 to accept federal funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, for grants line (\$328,496) for planning and mitigation grants to the counties of Billings, Burleigh, and Cass, and the City of Medora; and for salary line (\$32,850) to provide administration support to grantees.

Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Senator Stenehjem seconded the motion. Voting aye were Svedjan, Jaeger, Stenehjem, Berg, Holmberg, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

4. **Department of Emergency Services (Request # 1592)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$228.25 to accept state contingency funds for grants line (\$228.25) for expenses associated with an April 2006 grassland fire near Medina.

Request was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

5. **Department of Emergency Services * (Request # 1593)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$6,903,780 to accept federal funds (\$6,055,100) from the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and the proceeds of a loan (\$848,680) acquired under the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 37-17.1-23 from the Bank of North Dakota for salary line (\$100,000), for operating line (\$270,000), for grants line (\$6,533,780) related to flooding occurring in the Red River Valley in 2006.

Representative Berg moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting aye were Stenehjem, Berg, Holmberg, Svedjan, Jaeger, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

6. **Adjutant General * (Request # 1594)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$16,600,000 to accept federal funds from the National Guard Bureau for army guard contracts line (\$16,600,000) to construct a Field Maintenance Shop (FMS) in Minot and Civil Support Team (CST) building at Fraine Barracks in Bismarck.

Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting aye were Berg, Holmberg, Svedjan, Jaeger, Stenehjem, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

7. **Adjutant General * (Request # 1595)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$85,000 to accept state contingency funds for emergency fund line (\$85,000) related to flooding occurring April 2006 in the counties of Grand Forks, Pembina, and Walsh, and for costs related to May 2006 search efforts in Ward County and surrounding area.

Senator Stenehjem moved for approval with the stipulation the state's contingency fund is reimbursed when the agency receives federal offsetting funds. Representative Berg seconded the motion. Voting aye were Holmberg, Svedjan, Jaeger, Stenehjem, Berg, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

8. **Department of Human Services * (Request # 1596)**

Request approval for eight FTE for the State Hospital Sex Offender Program to provide for higher staff to patient ratio because of increased numbers of patients having violent and aggressive behavior.

Senator Stenehjem moved for approval with the stipulation the agency provides additional supporting information for the next Budget Section meeting. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting aye were Svedjan, Jaeger, Stenehjem, Holmberg, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

NOTE: Prior to the vote on the previous request, Rep. Berg had to leave the meeting. After the vote was taken and prior to the next request, Senator Holmberg also had to leave the meeting.

9. **North Dakota Veterans Home (Request # 1597)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$47,200 to accept special other funds for capital assets line (\$47,200) for repairs, replacements, and equipment in home and in commandant's residence.

Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Representative Svedjan seconded the motion. Voting aye were Jaeger, Stenehjem, Svedjan, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

10. **North Dakota Veterans Home * (Request # 1598)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$116,000 to accept special other funds for operating expenses (\$116,000) for purchasing medications for pharmacy.

Representative Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Stenehjem seconded the motion. Voting aye were Stenehjem, Svedjan, Jaeger, and Hoeven. No nay votes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alvin A. Jaeger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alvin" and last name "Jaeger" clearly distinguishable.

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State
Secretary to Emergency Commission